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## Executing the Maritime Strategy

*"By taking advantage of EVERY opportunity to promote partnership and interoperability between Navies worldwide, we greatly increase the ability to unite as a regional multinational force with the right capability and capacity to protect our common vital interests and jointly respond to short notice disaster relief efforts."*

**-Captain Rudy Laco, Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOUR ZERO, U.S. Southern Command, Partnership of Americas 2008**

Around the world, the Navy is executing the six core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy – forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster response.

### Forward Presence

- USS George Washington (CVN 73) arrived at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, Sept. 25, marking the beginning of George Washington and Carrier Air Wing 5 team's role as the U.S. Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier and upgrading the Navy's ability to preserve regional security and stability in the Western Pacific.

### Maritime Security

- Several U.S. ships are operating in the vicinity of Motor Vessel Faina, the Belize-flagged cargo ship, which was captured Sept. 25 and is anchored off the coast of Somalia. The U.S. 5th Fleet continues to actively monitor the situation ensuring safety of the crew and Faina's return to legitimate shipping.
- USS Boone (FFG 28), USS McInerney (FFG 8) and USS De Wert (FFG 45) complete their successful counter illicit trafficking support deployment to the U.S. Southern Command area of focus in early October. The coordinated actions of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and Joint Interagency Task Force South were instrumental in the interdiction of a combined 35 tons of cocaine.

### Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response

- USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) provided disaster relief in Haiti from Sept. 8-26 following several tropical storms and Hurricane Ike. During its support to USAID-led relief efforts, Marine and Navy helicopters embarked aboard Kearsarge flew more than 100 sorties and its landing craft transported more than 30 loads of supplies. These operations led to the timely delivery of more than 3.3 million pounds of food, water and other relief supplies to devastated Haitian communities.

### Building Maritime Partnerships

- On Sept. 18, USNS Navajo (T-ATF 169), Deep Submergence Unit and the Chilean submarine SS-21 Simpson conducted the first-ever mating between a Chilean sub and a rescue vehicle during CHILEMAR 08. Two open-hatch mates were conducted at a depth of 492 ft., simulating the rescue of 33 submariners and transferring nine personnel between the Simpson and the Pressurized Rescue Module Falcon.
- DESRON 40, USS Farragut (DDG 99) and USS Kauffman (FFG 59) return to homeport in early October after completing Partnership of the Americas. Conducted annually since 2006, the POA deployment emphasizes interoperability and cooperation through a variety of exercises and events at sea and on shore between U.S. maritime forces and partner nation's navies in the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

## Status of the Navy (as of 6 October)

### Navy Personnel

Total Active Component	332,262
Total Reserve Component	123,711
DoN Civilians	184,396

### Ships, Submarines & Aircraft

Total deployable ships/subs	281
Ship underway	128 (46%)
Subs underway	28 (51%)
Ships deployed	109 (39%)
Subs deployed	19 (35%)
Total Operational Aircraft	3,700+

### Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR

<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>
Iraq	5,227	1,223
Bahrain	2,695	86
Kuwait	1,136	715
Afghanistan	1,799	339
Qatar	584	10
Djibouti	598	39
Total on ground, all countries	14,804	

### Sailors at Sea by AOR

NAVCENT/C5F	9,634
PACFLT	26,000
NAVSOUTH/C4F	2,864
C2F	10,764
CNE-C6F	7,952

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